ways, with the objective of carrying on the business of multi-model transport through containerisation, setting up Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs), providing warehousing facilities for facilitating import and export cargo.

Eve teasting in D.T.C. Buses

2. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of eve teasing in the D.T.C, buses are on the increase in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of such incidents which took place this year, so far; and

(c) what action has been taken by Govt, against the D.T.C, employees who were found responsible for eve teasing and molestation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No comparative data in respect of incidents exclusively of eve-teasing is maintained. However, during this year, so far, there have been eight such cases reported.

(c) Out of eight in two cases the complaints have not disclosed their identity with the result that inquiries could not be initiated and any action taken. In one case, the complaint has not either in writing or orally given the required details. The bus-crew found responsible for incidents of this nature in other three cases have been placed under suspension and proceedings started. In other two cases, the bus crew showed exemplary courage in apprehending the eve teasers.

Financial assistance to West Bengal for Development of Tourist Centres

3. SHRI ASHIS SEN:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) the number of proposals/schemes received by the Central Government from West Bengal for financial assistance during 1988-89 and the details thereof;

(b) the total amount released by Government to West Bengal during the **last** three years for development of various tourist spots in that State; and

(c) the scheme-wise and year-wise allocation of the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVARAJ PATIL): (a) Six proposals were received from the Govt of West Bengal for Central Financial Assistance during 1988-89 of which the following are the details:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

		Estimat ed Cost
1.	Tourist Centre at Mukuf-manipur	25.51
2.	Jett -cum-Pantoon Bridge and Allied Shore *facHi't/es* at the River Bank at Calcutta	20.29
3.	Wayside facilities at Mecheda	41.00
4.	Tourist Lodge at Cooch Behar	52.03
5.	Tourist Lodge at Falta	66.70
6.	Tourist Complex at Sagar Island	76.78

(b) Total amount released to the Govt. of West Bengal during the first three years of the VII Plan is Rs. 89.37 lakhs

(c) The following are the details of the amount:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Schemes	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Tourist Lodge at Digha	1985-86	40.17
2.	SEL Show at Rabindra Bharati University	1985-86	15.50
3.	Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling	1986-87	47.39
4.	Yatrika at Gangasagar	1987-88	17.57
5.	Yatrika at Mayapur	1987-88	11.56
6.	Survey of Teesta & Rangit Rivers	1986-87	0.32
7.	Cottage Block at Gadiara	1986-87	16.93
8.	Tourist Accommodation at Shantiniketan	1986-87	38.75
9.	Wayside facilities at Durgapur	1986-87	26.38
10.	Tourist Complex at Mukutmanipur	1986-87	44.68

Electrification of Rail Track in Kerala

4. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for taking up electrification of railway tracks in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) As electrification is capital intensive, within the limited resources available, it is being planned on the high density freight routes. Only after completion of these priority sections, other sections in various States including those in Kerala will be considered during future plan periods.

Decline in Tourism in Eastern Parts

5 SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp decline in tourism in Eastern parts of India, including West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what is the actual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) As per the information available from various State Governments there has not been any decline in tourist traffic to the Eastern parts of India including West Bengal. The relavant statistics in respect of these States are as given below:

States	Tourist Arrivals	
	1986	1987
Orissa	860,462	1071,325
Bihar	1573,593	1655,422
Mizoram	8,476	12,998
Meghalaya	65,909	$179,05_2$
Assam	14,926	$19,15_2$

In the case of West Bengal similar statistics are not available for earlier years.